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SUBJECT: NEW FACES IN BHUTTO'S SECOND CABINET

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1. FOLLOWING ARE BRIEF BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCHES OF NEWCOMERS
TO PAKISTAN FEDERAL CABINET SWORN IN MARCH 30. MORE
COMPLETE BIOGRAPHIC INFORMATION FOLLOWS BY AIRGRAM.

2. ABDUL SATTAR GABOL (MINISTER FOR LABOR AND MANPOWER):
FORTY-SIX YEARS OLD. HE HAS A LAW DEGREE FROM LINCOLN'S
INN, LONDON, 1952. HE JOINED THE PPP IN 1968 AND THE
FOLLOWING YEAR BECAME SENIOR VICE PRESIDENT OF THE KARACHI
PPP. HE LATER JOINED THE SIND CABINET AS MINISTER FOR
LABOR, HEALTH AND SOCIAL WELFARE. IN 1973 HE BECAME AN MNA, AND
WAS MINISTER OF STATE FOR LABOR IN THE PREVIOUS BHUTTO GOVERNMENT.
HE IS PRESIDENT, KARACHI PPP AND MAINTAINS STRONG TIES WITH
KARACHI LABOR ORGANIZATIONS. ONE OF THE PPP'S TWO WINNERS IN
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THE CONTESTS FOR THE ELEVEN KARACHI NATIONAL ASSEMBLY SEATS.

3. NIAZ MOHAMMAD WASSAN (MINISTER FOR SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY):
THIRTY-THREE YEARS OLD, HE IS THE SCION OF AN IMPORTANT SIND
ZAMINDARI FAMILY. PRIOR TO THE 1977 ELECTIONS HE MANAGED
HIS FAMILY'S LAND. THOUGH A QUALIFIED ALWYER, WASSAN HAS
NEITHER PROACTICED THE PROFESSION NOR VENTURED INTO POLITICS

PRIOR TO 1977. HIS FAMILY, HOWEVER, HAS BEEN INVOLVED IN POLITICS FOR SEVERAL GENERATIONS AND JOINED THE PPP IN 1973.

4. SYED HAMID RAZA GILANI (INDUSTRIES): FORTY-ONE YEARS OLD, FROM THE WEALTHY, WELL-KNOWN GILANI FAMILY OF MULTAN. STUDIED IN U.K. AND WHILE THERE, OBTAINED ROTARY INTERNATIONAL GRANT TO VISIT UN, NEW YORK, WHERE HE WORKED FOR A SHORT TIME IN THE SECRETARIAT. LAW DEGREE, LONDON, 1961. STUDIED INTERNATIONAL LAW, ACADEMY OF INTERNATIONAL LAW, THE HAGUE. SERVED IN NATIONAL ASSEMBLY, 1962, ATTENDED UNGA, 1963. NAMED PAKISTAN'S AMBASSADOR TO KENYA, 1972, LATER CONCURRENTLY ACCREDITED TO ZAIRE AND SYECHELLES.

5. NUR HAYAT KHAN NOON (MINISTER FOR CULTURE, SPORTS, ARCHAEOLOGY, AND TOURISM): BACHELOR SONE OF FORMER PRIME MINISTER FIROZ KHAN NOON. ELECTED TO NATIONAL ASSEMBLY, 1962. CAMBRIDGE-EDUCATED AND INTELLIGENT, HE ALSO SERVED IN 1965 NATIONAL ASSEMBLY. HE IS VERY WEALTHY, ENGAGED IN MANY BUSINESSES, INCLUDING THE LAHORE COCA COLA BOTTLING FRANCHISE. NOON IS VERY FREINDLY TOWARD THE U.S.

6. DR. GHULAM HUSSAIN (RAILWAYS): FORTY-ONE, HE IS A PRACTICING PHYSICIAN OF JHELM DISTRICT, PUNJAB, EDUCATED AT LAHORE. FORMERLY A STAUNCH ALLY OF GHULAM MUSTAFA KHAR, WHOM HE SERVED IN THE PUNJAB GOVERNMENT AS ADVISOR, HE LEFT THE PPP WITH KHAR IN 1975 BUT WAS PERSUADED (BY WHAT WE UNDERSTANT WERE VERY ROUGH MEANS) TO COME BACK TO THE PARTY A FEW MONTHS LATER. INTELLIGENT AND FORCEFUL, HE IS CONSIDERED A RIGHTIST IN HIS POLITICAL VIEWS. THIS IS HIS SECOND TERM AS AN MNA.
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5. ANWAR AZIZ CHAUDHRY (MINISTER OF FOOD AND AGRARIAN MANAGEMENT): APPROXIMATELY FIFTY YEARS OLD, CHAUDHRY IS MARRIED TO AN AMERICAN WHOM HE MET WHILE DOING HIS LLM AT THE UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN. HE IS KNOWN AS A LAHORE LAWYER AND CAME INTO POLITICS AS AN INDEPENDENT AND SUBSEQUENTLY JOINED AYUB'S MUSLIM LEAGUE. CHAUDHRY JOINED THE PPP BETWEEN 1973 AND 1974. HE HAS SERVED AS MANAGING DIRECTOR, PUNJAB LIVESTOCK BOARD. CHAUDHRY IS VERY FAVORABLY DISPOSED TOWARD THE U.S., WHERE HE HAS TWO CHILDREN IN SCHOOL.

8. MOHAMMAD YASIN WATTO (EDUCATION): FORTY-SEVEN YEARS OLD, WATTOO EARNED HIS LLB FROM PUNJAB UNIVERSITY AND PRACTICED LAW IN LAHORE. HE SERVED AS A WEST PAKISTAN MPA FROM PUNJAB AND AS MINISTER OF LOCAL BODIES (PROVINCIAL LEVEL) UNDER AYUB. WATTOO JOINED THE PPP IN APPROXIMATELY 1975.

9. MAKHDOOM HAMEEDUDDIN (MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL RESOURCES): FIFTY-ONE, HE RECEIVED HIS B.A. AND LLB FROM

PUNJAB UNIVERSITY. DURING THE AYUB YEARS HE WAS A MINISTER OF THE WEST PAKISTAN PROVINCIAL GOVERNMENT (IRRIGATION, FOOD, AND AGRICULTURE) (1965-69) AND PARLIAMENTARY SECRETARY. HE WAS ELECTED TO THE PUNJAB PROVINCIAL ASSEMBLY IN 1971 ON THE COUNCIL MUSLIM LEAGURE TICKET AND JOINED THE PPP IN 1973/1974. COMES FROM A WEALTHY LANDED FAMILY OF RAHIM YAR KHAN.

10. SYEED MOHAMMAD MASOOD (MINISTER OF LAW AND PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS): A FOUNDER-MEMBER OF THE PPP, MASOOD IS ABOUT FORTY-FOUR. HE EARNED HIS B.A. AND LLB FROM PUNJAB UNIVERSITY AND BECAME A PART-TIME LAW PROFESSOR AND PRACTICED BEFORE THE SUPREME COURT UNTIL HE BECAME PUNJAB PROVINCIAL MINISTER OF LAW AND PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS IN 1975. HE WAS ELECTED TO THE PUNJAB PROVINCIAL ASSEMBLY FROM LAHORE IN A BY-ELECTION IN 1973, AND CAME TO THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY IN THE 1977 ELECTION.

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11. MIRZA MOHAMMED TAHIR KHAN (MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING): FORTY YEARS OLD, TAHIR SERVED AS DEPUTY SPEAKER OF THE PAKISTAN SENATE FROM 1973 UNTIL HE RAN FOR THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY IN 1977. HE IS ALSO A MEMBER OF THE CENTRAL WORKING COMMITTEE OF THE PPP. A BALUCHI COMMONER BY ORIGIN, TAHIR RECEIVED HIS MA AND LLB DEGREES FROM KARACHI UNIVERSITY, LECTURED AT KARACHI AND QUETTA GOVERNMENT COLLEGE PRACTISED LAW, AND HAS WRITTEN BOOKS IN BALUCHI AND URDU. GOP EFFORTS TO PORTRAY HIM AS AN EXPERIENCED JOURNALIST AND

A WRITER OF DISTINCTION ARE MUCH OVERDRAWN. HE HAS TRAVELED TO THE US, THE MIDDLE EAST AND USSR.

12. ARBAB MOHAMMED JEHangIR KHAN (MINISTER OF HOUSING AND WORKS): APPROXIMATELY FORTY-FIVE, MOHAMMED JEHangIR IS THE SON OF NAWAB SHER ALI KHAN OF TEKHAL, NWFP, AND CONSEQUENTLY A MAJOR LANDLORD OF TEHKAL. HE RECEIVED HIS LLB FROM PESHAWAR UNIVERSITY AND PRACTICED IN THAT CITY, AND STILL SERVES AS A MEMBER OF THE PESHAWAR UNIVERSITY SENATE. HE WAS ELECTED TO THE NWFP PROVINCIAL ASSEMBLY ON THE NATIONAL AWAMI PARTY
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TICTET IN 1971 AND SERVED FOR TWO YEARS AS PROVINCIAL MINISTER FOR HEALTH, POPULATION PLANNING, LAW AND PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS. HE JOINED THE PPP ABOUT 1975 AND A YEAR LATER REJOINED THE PROVINCIAL MINISTRY.

13. FAROOQ AHMED KHAN LEGHARI (MINISTER OF PRODUCTION): LEGHARI IS HIS MID-30'S, IS AN OXFORD M.A. HE IS THE HEAD OF THE IMPORTANT BALUCHI LEGHARI TRIBE OF DERA GHAZI KHAN IN PUNJAB. HE JOINED THE PAKISTAN CIVIL SERVICE IN THE LATE 1960'S, VIA THE HIGHLY COMPETITIVE EXAMINATION ROUTE. HE RESIGNED FROM THAT SERVICE IN 1970 IN PREPARATION FOR ELECTION IN 1971 TO A SENATE SEAT ON THE PPP TICKET. LEGHARI IS A BRIGHT, ACTIVE, AND SOCIABLE YOUNG MAN. HIS WIFE IS IN PURDAH. IN 1976 HE BECAME TREASURER OF THE PUNJAB PPP.

14. WE ASSUME THE DEPARTMENT WILL HAVE SUFFICIENT INFORMATION ON FOREIGN MINISTER AZIZ AHMED, LIKE GABOL PROMOTED FROM THE MINISTER OF STATE LEVEL.
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